

**PHOENIX FIELD OFFICE
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)
COMPLIANCE RECORD FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS (CX)**

Proposed Action Title/Type: Apiary Permit Renewal

NEPA#: AZ-020-2005-0041

Related #: AZA-27398 (Casefile number)

Location of Proposed Action: Site 1: I-17 North to Table Mesa Road Exit 236 go Northwest 2 miles road Y's go the right about a mile Y's again go right 3/4 of a mile to powerline, site is on the south side. (USGS Quad Map is Black Canyon City) T. 8 N., R. 2 W. Sec 34 NE¼.

Site 2: I-17 North to Rock Springs Exit 242 take Old Black Canyon Highway south about a mile road Y's site is on the Northwest side. . (USGS Quad Map is Black Canyon City) T. 8 N., R. 2 W., Sec 15 NW¼.

Site 3: I-17 North to Maggie Mine Road Exit 244 go south on Old Black Canyon Highway a ¼ , mile to Maggie Mine Road go Northwest two mile to a dirt road going south about a ¼ mile to the site. . (USGS Quad Map is Black Canyon City) T. 9 N., R. 2 E., Sec 22 NW¼.

Description of Proposed Action: The applicant (Dennis Arp (Mountain Top Honey)) is requesting renewal of 3 existing sites for apiary use. It is a small area with little disturbance.

A categorical exclusion (AZ-024-96-050) was completed and approved on June 6, 1996. No changes have occurred.

PART I - PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW

This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan The Phoenix Resource Management Plan (RMP) approved on September 29, 1989: This proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with this plan (43 *CFR* 1610.5-3, *BLM Manual* 1601.04.C.2).

PART II - CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

A. Verification of Listing: This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under Department Manual (DM) 516 6, Appendix 5.4. E. (9). (Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorization.)

And

B. Exception Review: 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 provides for the review of the following criteria to determine if exceptions apply to this project.

IMPORTANT: Appropriate staff should determine exception, comment and initial for concurrence. If exceptions apply to the action or project, and existing NEPA documentation does not address the exception, then further NEPA analysis is required.

CRITERIA	COMMENT (yes/no)	STAFF INITIAL
1. Has significant adverse effects on public health and safety.	No	LLM
2. Adversely affects unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, parks, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wilderness study areas, wild and scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, flood	No	LLM

plains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department of the Interior National Register of Natural Landmarks.		
3. Has highly controversial environmental effects.	No	LLM
4. Has highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involves unique or unknown environmental risks.	No	LLM
5. Establishes a precedent for future action or represents a decision in principle about a future action with potentially significant environmental effects.	No	LLM
6. Is related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant effects.	No	LLM
7. Adversely affects properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic places.	No	LLM
8. Affects a species listed or proposed to be listed in the List of Endangered or Threatened Species or adversely affects the species critical habitat.	No	LLM
9. Requires compliance with Executive Order 11988 Flood Plain Management, 11990 Protection for Wetlands, or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.	No	LLM
10. Threatens to violate a Federal, State, local, or Tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment	No	LLM

PART III - SIGNATURES FOR COMPLIANCE

PREPARER: ___/s/ Linda L. Mullenix_____
Linda Mullenix, Realty Specialist

DATE: ___3/9/2005_____

REVIEWER: ___/s/ J. V. Andersen_____
Jim Andersen, Team Lead for Lands & Realty

DATE: ___3/9/2005_____

PART IV - DECISION

I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures identified below.

MITIGATION MEASURES/OTHER REMARKS: Hives shall not be placed in a location that is being actively used for mining exploration or production. The apiary permit renewal will be issued subject to the same terms and conditions that were applicable to the original authorization.

ATTACHMENTS: A location map and the stipulations are attached for reference.

APPROVING OFFICIAL: ___/s/ Ralph Costa_____

DATE: ___3/10/2005_____

For Teri Raml, Field Manager